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Applicant: Daniel A. Erlanson et al. Docket No.: 39750-0001A
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For: **EXTENDED TETHERING APPROACH FOR RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF LIGANDS**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on September 10, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No. 8), setting a one-month term. The present response is accompanied by a request for a four-month extension of time and the requisite fee. Therefore, the extended deadline for reply is February 10, 2004, and the present response is timely filed.

Applicants were requested to restrict the present application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-43 and 50-68, drawn to a method for screening small organic ligand candidates;
- II. Claims 44-47, and 69, drawn to a product identified by the screening method of Group I;
and

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